

Appl. No. 10/644,254
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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0051] with the following amended paragraph:

[0051] To use and deploy the handrail configuration 70, each of the rail members 71 are slid longitudinally forward on the shoulder bolt 76A and within the respective guide plate 78 with the engagement of the shoulder bolt 76A in the slot 72 as shown in broken lines in figure 12 of the drawings. The respective tubular rails 71 are then pivoted upwardly on said shoulder bolts 76A to vertical use position at 79 against the respective stop flanges 75A and then dropped down vertically onto the lower shoulder bolts 76B within the retaining notches 73 as previously described. In this position, the respective handrail configuration 70 perform a similar function as that of the safety handrail assemblies 23 and 24, but avoid ancillary issues of potential use conflicts in which it has been discovered when the handrail assemblies 23 and 24 are folded flat on top of the landing bracket 24 and not deployed act as a hindrance for the user to step thereon in certain situations.

Please replace paragraph [0052] with the following amended paragraph:

[0052] There are also certain situations in which the user may not wish to deploy the ~~handrails~~ handrail assemblies 23 and 24 as noted because of load configurations on the trailer bed and thus the alternate handrail configuration 70 are more practical in those applications.